

Court of Appeals Judge

Bethany Harbison, Court of Appeals



MAILING ADDRESS: 101 Lacey Street
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AGE: 55

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York, NY

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Nina, Skye

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 29 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks, 1993-present

EDUCATION:
Williams College, B.A. (1989)
Harvard Law School, J.D. (1993)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Court of Appeals Judge, 2019-present
Superior Court Judge, 2012-2018
Magistrate Judge, 2005-2012
Assistant Public Defender, Alaska Public Defender
Agency, 1995-2005

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Criminal Rules Committee (2019-present)
Fairness, Diversity and Equality Committee (2012-2019)
Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee
(2018-present)
Alaska Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors
(1996-2003)

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Alaska Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Spending time with family, music, hiking, and cross-country skiing

STATEMENT:
It has been a great honor for me to serve as a judge for the past ten years, most recently on the Court of Appeals. The Alaska Court of Appeals is a multi-judge appellate court that is tasked with reviewing trial court decisions in criminal cases. I work hard to meet the challenges and responsibilities of this position, and I strive to ensure that each case is decided fairly, impartially, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of our state.

I feel privileged to have had this opportunity to serve the public, and I will be very grateful if the voters allow me to continue to serve Alaska in this position.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Bethany Harbison, Alaska Court of Appeals

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Harbison met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Harbison was appointed to the Alaska Court of Appeals in November of 2018. She is one of four judges on this court, which handles appeals of criminal cases. This is Judge Harbison’s first retention evaluation as a Court of Appeals judge.

Summary: After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Harbison met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Harbison complied with judicial ethics standards.

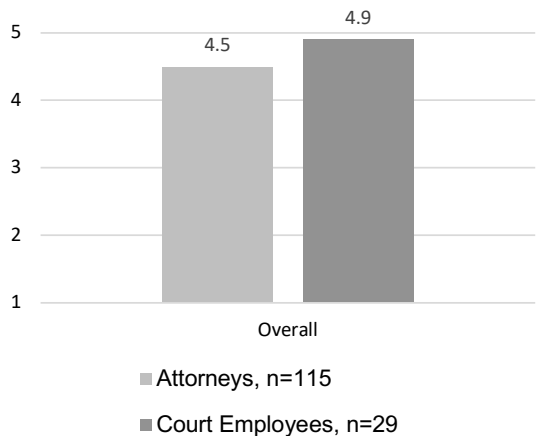
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Harbison in office.

Survey ratings: Attorneys who appeared before Judge Harbison gave her excellent reviews, as did court employees. The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Harbison. Complete survey ratings are available at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Professional activities: The Council’s review of Judge Harbison’s professional activities showed significant contributions to the administration of justice and her community. Judge Harbison made contributions in the areas of committee and work group service, community outreach, teaching, and youth activities. A detailed list of Judge Harbison’s professional and community activities is posted at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Other performance indicators: The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Harbison, including financial and conflict of interest statements, and whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision. Judge Harbison performed well in these areas.

Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Harbison



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us